

As a small market station owner/operator I can't understand how the commission can justify the proposal to require radio stations to record their entire broadcast day. In a town of less the 2,500 population, we work hard at just surviving. We have won the Arkansas Broadcasters small market of the year award for 1998 and 2003 for community service. We do a lot for our community and in return we feel our community will return the favor. We the small broadcasters are in touch with our communities and generally a very high percentage go way beyond what's required for community service.

The Commission quite frankly has licensed too many broadcast stations. In my small county of 18,000 my AM/FM fight against another FM that was licensed to an area that wasn't even a city until the company that owned the development when bankrupt. More stations cut the revenue pie.....to the point where there is no revenue left unless they cut out services such as news department and live coverage of events because they can't afford announcers. I've know of a market here in Arkansas that once had a AM/FM station in a town of 12,000, they had 2 remote news cars, 2 full time news men that covered anything that moved. Now the town has grown to 21,000 and now there are 7 stations in the market. No longer do they have any local news departments and most of the stations are automated with just a skelton staffs. So to now force us to purchase additional equipment would force us to cut out existing services that we offer our community. We as radio station owners and manager will find a way to survive, but it may not be what's best for our community.

Please don't pass any additional regulations on us that your not willing to pay for yourself.

Sincerely  
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